

Haslett Choir Boosters Meetings

2022-2023

Choir Boosters Meeting: Wednesday, April 11, 2023

Attendees:

Board: Patricia Marin, Joye Cuthrell, Monique Allen

Directors: Matt Callaghan, Samara Valla

Members: Kassy Laurence, Johanna Lynch, Erika Noud, Melissa Straus, Danielle Torres, Nikki Zsigo

Meeting started at: 7:04pm

- I. Welcome (President)
- II. Approval of March 8, 2023, Minutes
Motion to Approve: Joye Cuthrell; Second: Danielle Torres
- III. Financials
 - A. IRS Update: approx \$10,000 in fines owed for years not filed. Still waiting on a response to our request to waive the fines.
 - B. March Financials (Treasurer Joye Cuthrell); See financial docs. Minor modifications from Samara. Joye to update.
- IV. Directors' Report
 - A. Matt Callaghan (High School)
 1. State Solo & Ensemble coming up. 3 ensembles & 37 soloists. Information was sent out in newsletter and Google classroom.
 2. Great American Songbook concert 8pm 4/19/23
 3. Beginning cabaret discussions.
 - B. Samara Valla (Middle School)
 1. MS Choir Festival volunteers
 2. Uniform return/wash uniform volunteers will be needed
 3. Successful Festival. Asked to host again. All four ensembles received highest scores.
 4. Beginning MS Pops preparations.

V. Current Business

- A. Website - Website is live, still undergoing edits. Do we want a photo of our choirs? Use stock photo or remove? Discussed options to get photo consent. For first photo, we will get parent consent from singers at S&E. Kassy will take photo.
- B. Silent Auction
 - 1. Finalize catalog by Friday, April 14 - over 100 packages to bid on, over \$13,000 in merchandise. Up from approx 60 packages last year.
 - 2. Circulate catalog by Monday, April 17
 - 3. Open bidding website by Wednesday, April 19
 - 4. Close bidding Tues, April 25
 - 5. Winners contacted Thursday, April 27
 - 6. Pickup: Friday, April 28. Viking room reserved. 2:30 - 6:30pm. Volunteers needed for picking up items at Erika's house and delivering to school. Cart(s) available for helping with signage directing to Viking Room.
 - 7. Tasks:
 - a) Facebook posting (Monique)
 - b) Photos (Erika)
 - c) Catalog (Patricia/Kassy)
 - d) Slide show for Spring Concert (with logos) (Patricia/John)
 - e) Advertise – EVERYONE! QR code to be shared at April 19th concert
 - f) Item Pickup - need volunteers!
 - g) Thank yous to businesses

VI. New Business

- A. Scholarships & Senior Awards
 - 1. Create an informational flyer advertising scholarships (Kassy). Hand out at April concert and send info via Skyward. Links and hard copies to be distributed by Directors. Directors to deliver submissions to Boosters at May meeting. Volunteers needed to read submissions.
- B. Budget preparation for 2023-2024
 - 1. Scholarships. Number varies year to year (approx 10 x \$500 in past) & Senior Awards (2 x \$250). Typically 20 lessons in a year, does not factor outside of school lessons. Discussed ways can better distribute funds/update wording on application. Will include information about whether they have received a scholarship in the past and if they would be unable to take lessons without the scholarship. Danielle to email her suggestion to Samara for application.
 - 2. NYC Trip. In past \$1375 approximate student cost, \$300 scholarship to each student provided by Boosters, additional \$300 need-based scholarship from Boosters. Fewer than 50 students typically go. Bus seats 68 (to include chaperones and directors). Includes all costs. \$18-20K estimate for budget purposes. Samara: must provide a

fundraiser option. Begin discussing various fundraising options early. Volunteers will be needed. October 1st typically is sign up date.

- VII. Reminder: Meeting schedule
 - A. May 10, June 7; all in Viking Room
- VIII. Meeting ended at: 8:47pm
- IX. Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 10, 7pm; bring a friend.